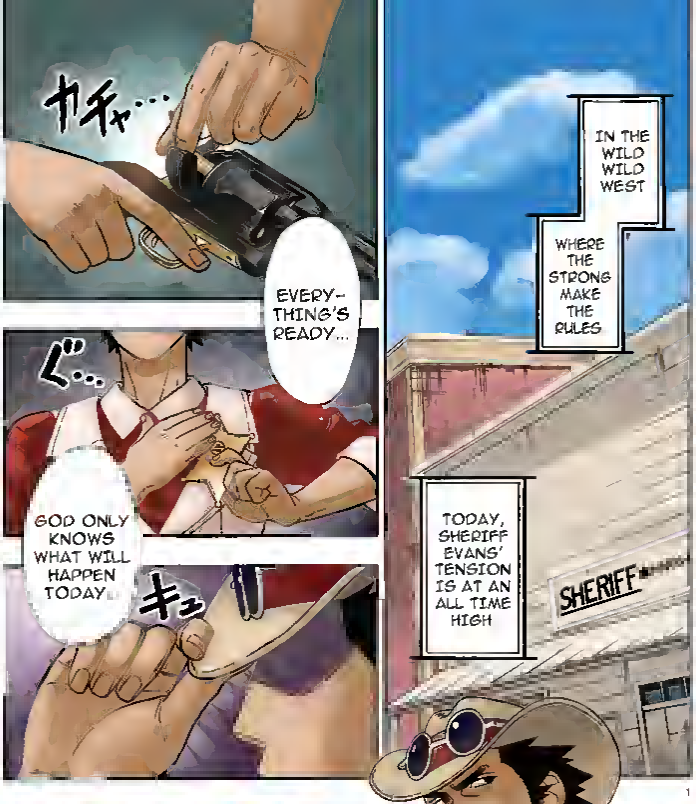
IN THE WILD WILD WEST
WHERE THE STRONG MAKE THE RULES
TODAY, SHERIFF EVANS' TENSION IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH
SHERIFF
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EVERY-THING'S READY…
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GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TODAY…
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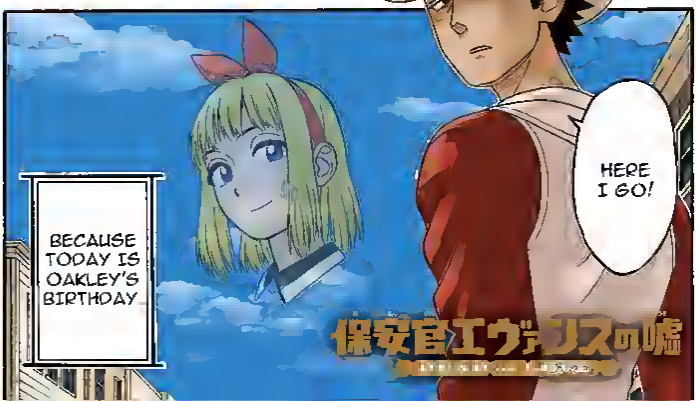
HERE I GO!
BECAUSE TODAY IS OAKLEY'S BIRTHDAY
保安官エヴァンスの嘘

THOUGH THEY ARE STRONG, BOTH OF THEIR HEARTS ARE WEAK. AND THEY'VE SHOT EACH OTHER
WITH THE BULLET OF LOVE
AND THE STRONGEST BOUNTY HUNTER.
THE STRONGEST SHERIFF
保安官エヴァンスの嘘
DEAD OR LOVE
CHAPTER 22 A SHERIFF NEVER GOES UNPREPARED
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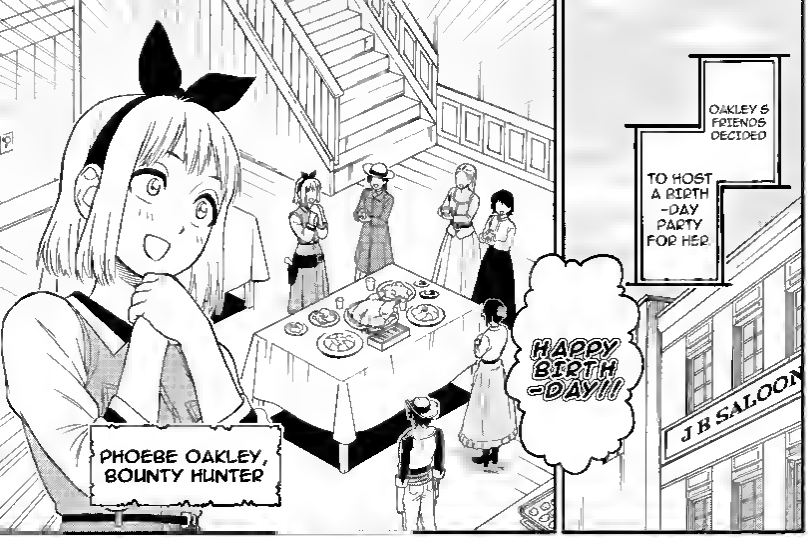
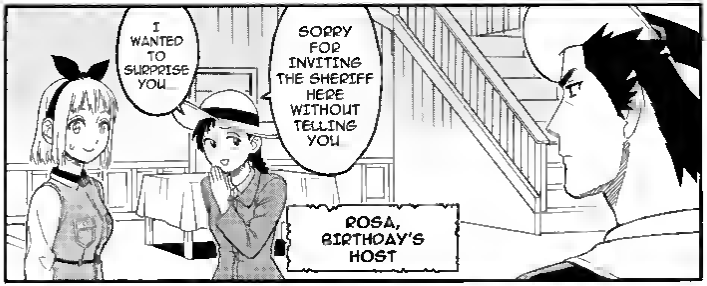
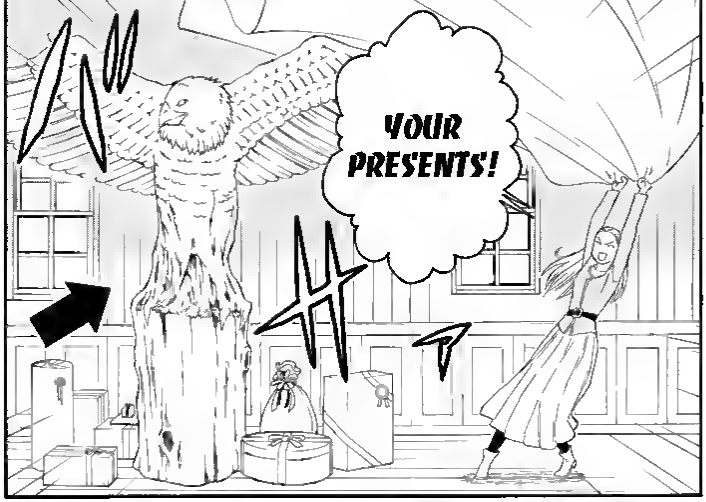
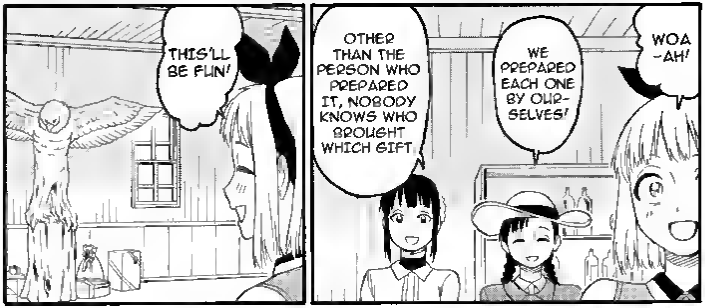
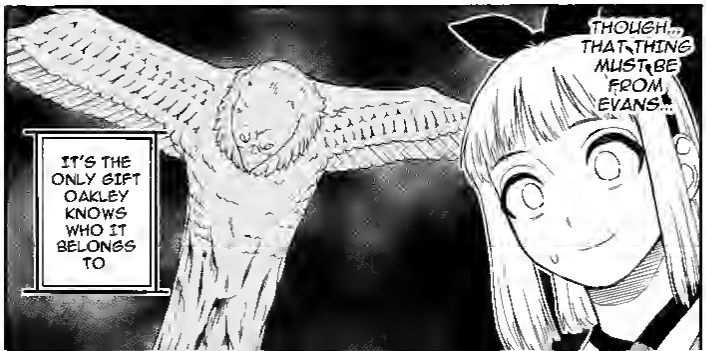

PHOEBE OAKLEY, BOUNTY HUNTER
HAPPY BIRTH -DAY!!
OAKLEY'S FRIENDS DECIDED TO HOST A BIRTH -DAY PARTY FOR HER
J B SALOON

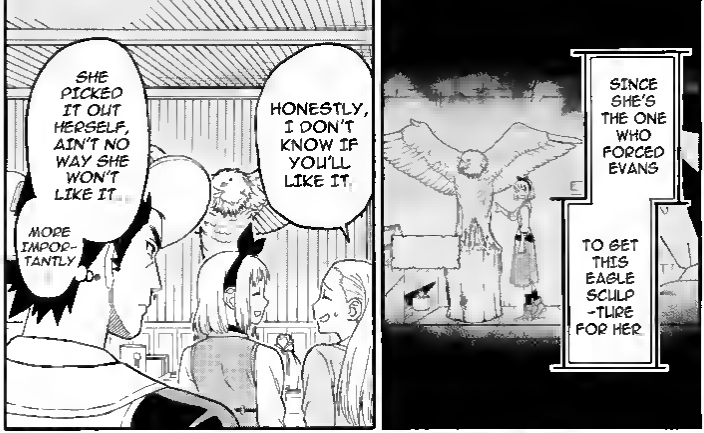

I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU
SORRY FOR INVITING THE SHERIFF HERE WITHOUT TELLING YOU
ROSA, BIRTHDAY'S HOST

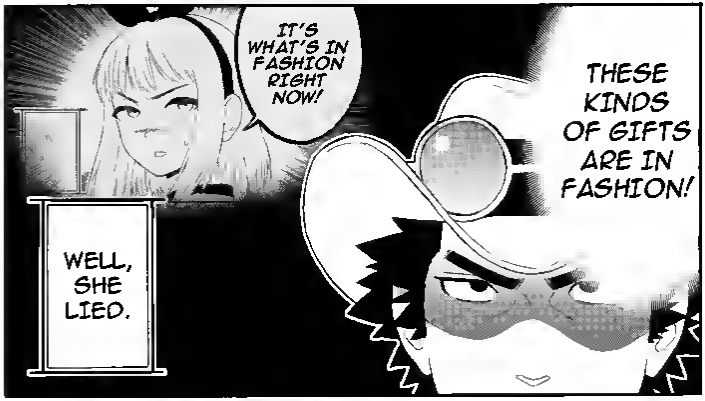
HERE'S ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR YOU!
SHE ALREADY KNEW HE'D BE COMING.
WOAH, WHAT A SURPRISE ...

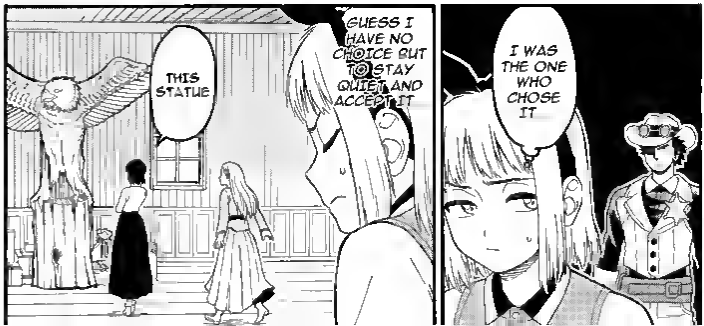

YOUR PRESENTS!


THIS'LL BE FUN!
OTHER THAN THE PERSON WHO PREPARED IT, NOBODY KNOWS WHO BROUGHT WHICH GIFT
WE PREPARED EACH ONE BY OUR-SELVES!
WOA -AH!


IT'S THE ONLY GIFT OAKLEY KNOWS WHO IT BELONGS TO
THOUGH... THAT THING MUST BE FROM EVANS...


SHE PICKED IT OUT HERSELF, AIN'T NO WAY SHE WON'T LIKE IT
HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL LIKE IT
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY
SINCE SHE'S THE ONE WHO FORCED EVANS
TO GET THIS EAGLE SCULP-TURE FOR HER


IT'S WHAT'S IN FASHION RIGHT NOW!
THESE KINDS OF GIFTS ARE IN FASHION!
WELL, SHE LIED.


THIS STATUE
GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY QUIET AND ACCEPT IT
I WAS THE ONE WHO CHOSE IT

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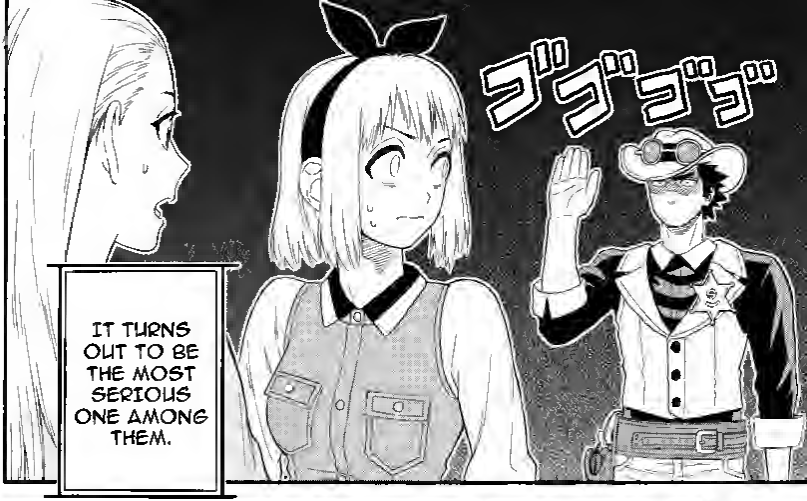
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KINDA BIG?

WELL...
THE BIGGER THE BETTER, RIGHT?
WHAT?
YEAH! IT'S A BIRTHDAY PRESENT...

THEY THINK IT IS A JOKE!?

WHOEVER PREPARED THIS MUST BE TRYING TO GET A LAUGH OUT OF US!

THEY GIVE YOU THE GAG GIFT FIST, AND THE REAL GIFT LATER.
NO WAY, IT'S GOTTA BE A JOKE!
'COURSE IT'S SERIOUS!
BUT... MAYBE IT'S A SERIOUS GIFT?
...I SEE.
SHE WAS SWAYED BY THE PUBLIC OPINION.
...HUH!?
THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD THINK UP THIS KIND OF JOKE GOTTA BE YOU, RIGHT?
SO WHO PREPARED THIS?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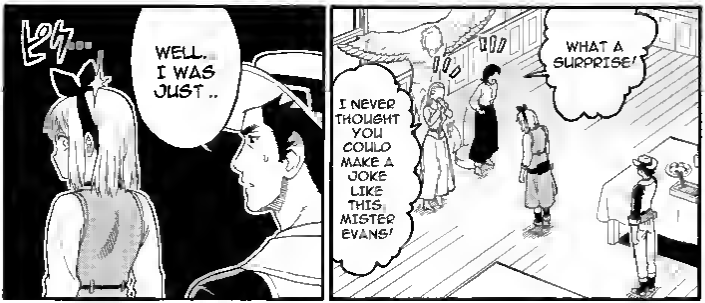
IT TURNS OUT TO BE THE MOST SERIOUS ONE AMONG THEM.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WELL, I WAS JUST ..
WHAT A SURPRISE!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD MAKE A JOKE LIKE THIS, MISTER EVANS!

IS HE GONNA SAY HE GOT IT BECAUSE I TOLD HIM "THIS IS WHAT'S IN FASHION"!?
YOU REALLY THOUGHT THIS KINDA THING IS WHAT'S POPULAR NOW?
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YOU WERE JUST PRETEN -DING, WEREN'T YOU?

OAKLEY IS MAKING THE "DO NOT SAY IT" GESTURE.
JUST...
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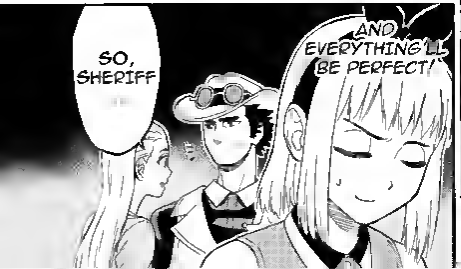
ALL RIGHT... NOW I JUST NEED TO ACCEPT THIS STATUE FROM HIM LATER...

I WANTED TO SHOW Y'ALL I'M A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO CRACK A JOKE TOO
WELL, YOU DID GREAT!!


SO, SHERIFF
AND EVERYTHING'LL BE PERFECT!

THERE IS NO REAL GIFT!!
I...
I GET IT!

WHERE'S THE REAL GIFT?

SINCE THIS IS A GREAT STATUE
IT'LL ALSO SERVE AS THE REAL GIFT, RIGHT?

AT THAT MOMENT

STOP IT!!
YOU ALREADY HAVE HIS BACK TO THE WALL!!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TELL HER?

EVANS REMEMBERED HIS FATHER'S WORDS
SON. IF YER FIXIN TO BE THE BEST GUNSLINGER, FIRST OFF...
YA GOTTA START BEING A COWARD.
THINK LIKE A COWARD PLAYIN' DIRTY AND TAKIN MEASURES TO WIN AT ALL COSTS
BUT...
THAT AIN'T RIGHT!
A MAN'S GOTTA HAVE COURAGE TO WIN A FIGHT!!
RIGHT...
BUT YER THINKIN' YOU CAN WOO WOMEN JUST WITH COURAGE ALONE?
YOUR REAL GIFT...
PA... THANKS TO YOU...

I HAVE BECOME A TOTAL COWARD...
COURSE I GOT YOU A GIFT.

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THE STATUE WAS THE REAL GIFT.
YOU WEREN'T THINKIN I'D ACTUALLY GIVE YOU THAT THING, DID YA?

HUH
WHATCHA ACTING SURPRISED FOR...

I GET IT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ...
WHAT DID HE GET YOU?
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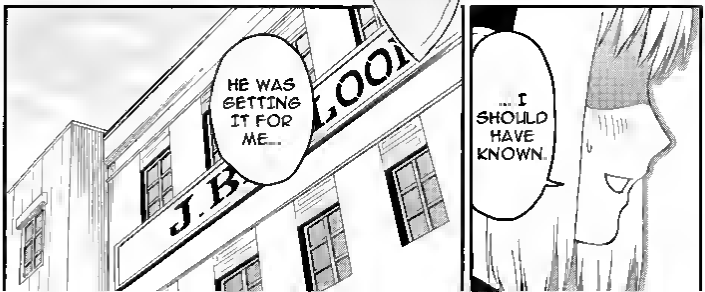
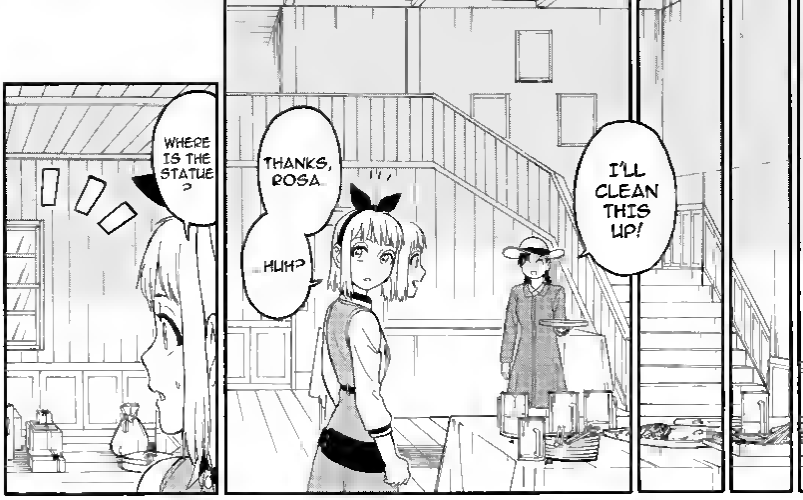
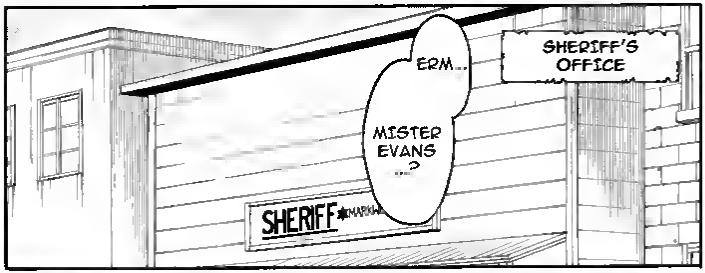
THE RIBBON HE CHOSE THAT TIME...


HE WAS GETTING IT FOR ME...
... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.


I'LL CLEAN THIS UP!
THANKS, ROSA.
...HUH?
WHERE IS THE STATUE?


SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ERM...
MISTER EVANS...?
SHERIFF

WHAT IS THIS STATUE FOR?
IT'S A JOKE.

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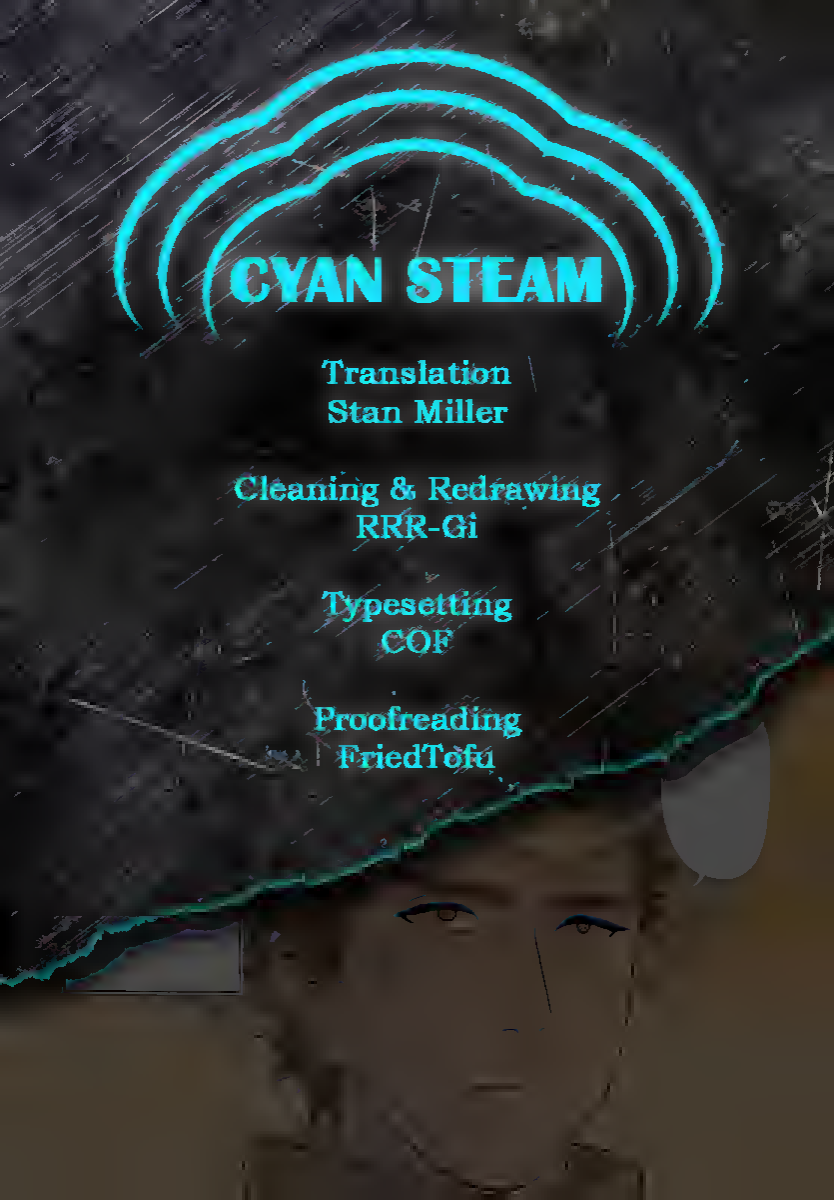
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